

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Broadcasters use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large corporations control the airwaves, their concerns are more about profit and less about what we need for our democracy. To preserve democracy, it's more important that we see increased substantive news about issues that matter, than cater to corporate profiteering.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.